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New NPS Unit Commemorates Civil Rights

Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site

Writing his famous dissent in the case of *Plessy v. Ferguson* in 1896, Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan said, "Our Constitution is color-blind and neither knows nor tolerates classes among our citizens. In respect to civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law."

With the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, KS, last year, the National Park Service will now interpret and commemorate the landmark 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision that reversed Plessy and ended racial segregation of schools throughout the United States.

The Brown v. Board of Education NHS is our newest national park. Like other national parks this site will have an important story to tell to the American people. This site, and other associated properties in Topeka linked to the Brown decision, remind us of the generations of Americans who refused to accept the denial of their basic civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

The greatness of our Constitution, as historians like to say, demands that we be ever vigilant in the preservation of our liberties. Through the preservation of culturally significant properties, Americans remember their history and preserve their Constitutional birthright to liberty and equality and justice for all.

The Brown decision was studied as part of the National Park Service's *US Constitution National Historic Landmark Theme Study*

completed in 1986. The National Park Service will complete a General Management Plan for the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site this year and will open the park to the public in 1994.

